

Please pray for those who died recently - Mark Sibbald (Requiem Mass on Thursday at 10.00am. Thereafter Philipshill Cemetery), Lesley Heron (Neilston), Maureen Smith, Betty Burns, Cathy Flannigan (Knightswood), Harry Sheridan, Pauline Shields, Norah Toner (St Leonards), Willie Wilson (Oatlands).

Pray also for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of - Jim Sweeney, Michael & Bridie Fahey, John Murphy, Sally Anne Murphy (Birthday Remembrance), Joe Murphy, Malcolm Docherty (Birthday Remembrance), Jane Fairie, Elizabeth McAvoy, Mary & Frank Clayton, John & Cathie Fairie, Philomena Fairie, Helen Quinn, John & Celia Cooper, John Rae, Catherine McKerracher, Nan & Andrew Curran, Sandra Brown.



Please pray for the sick

We ask your prayers at Mass today for all the sick—those at home in our parish community, those in hospital, especially at Hairmyres Hospital, and those in local Nursing and Care homes in East Kilbride. In addition to remembering the sick and housebound at Sunday Mass, we also invite you to remember them every day of the week in your prayers.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS LAST SUNDAY AND FOR YOUR CONTINUING FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Offertory Collection £1364.97 Votive Candles £145.93 Stall £75.00
 Second Collection for the Missionary Appeal on behalf of the Comboni Sisters £2256.10

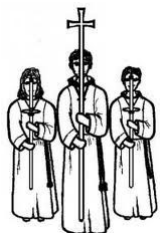
COMMUNITY FOODBANK

Our August collection for the Community Foodbank is next weekend 4th/5th August. In 2018, we are averaging collections of 78 bags and £584.00 - quite outstanding. As we continue in the "holiday hunger" period, any contributions you are able to make next week will be well appreciated in homes most in need across the town.

PARISH HALL THIS WEEK

- Bingo on Tuesdays at 7.30pm
- Wednesday Tearoom after 10.00am Mass
- No Sunday Tearoom this weekend

NEW ALTAR SERVERS



We now have 30 Altar Servers and a few more of our young people have expressed an interest in joining our team. Keep an eye on the bulletin for the date of the next meeting.

COMBONI SISTERS

You are to be commended for your generosity to the Mission Appeal last weekend. Usually in the summer months with parishioners on holiday and a good number out of their normal routine, Second Collections can suffer a little. But you have broken the norm. Many, many thanks for such an outstanding collection. Sister Anne Marie and Sister Bianca will be delighted with your response.

THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

The RCIA programme led by Father Seán will begin again in September for those who are interested in becoming Catholic. You might find it helpful to have some details of the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Inquiry - The first part of the process is learning, in a gentle way, about what the Catholic Church believes and teaches.

Deciding - This is a formal stage where someone decides to become a Catholic and begin a more formal period of learning about the faith of the Church.

Preparation - It is not all about learning. Becoming a Catholic is first and foremost about building a deeper relationship with God. As part of the process there is a period of time in prayer and getting ready to become a Catholic.

Initiation - Only when someone is ready and after they have spent some time reflecting on what Catholics believe does the ceremony of Baptism and Reception into the Catholic Church take place.

Please pray for those who are searching for God in their lives, for purpose and meaning, informed by a living faith.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2019

All Parents and Carers who intend presenting their child for First Holy Communion in 2019 should have received a letter from Mgr Millar and Fr Wyllie at the end of the school term in June inviting them to a meeting on **Tuesday 21st August at 7.00pm**. The meeting takes place in the church.

Our Lady of Lourdes

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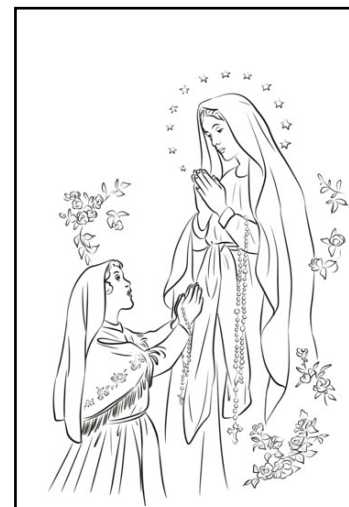
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Parish Clergy

Monsignor Thomas Millar Father Seán G. Wyllie



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th July 2018

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE DAY AT CARFIN LOURDES GROTTTO
 Thursday 9th August**

A bus has been organised for Carfin on Thursday 9th August leaving from Our Lady of Lourdes at 11.00am and returning at about 3.45pm. This will allow time for parishioners to have tea/coffee/scones in the Pilgrimage Centre on arrival at Carfin prior to Mass at 1.00pm. There will be an opportunity to recite the Rosary together at the Lourdes Shrine at 12.30pm prior to Mass in the Glass Chapel.

After Mass there will be plenty of time to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the Glass Chapel and to have a look at the very beautiful Shrines around the Grotto (The Bethlehem Cave, The Home of Nazareth, The Shrines around the Sunken Garden, The Chapel of the Angels, the National Shrines around the Grotto as well as the Chapel now dedicated to St Therese of Lisieux and the Parish Church of St Francis Xavier).

We would conclude with Stations of the Cross at 2.30pm (weather permitting we would hope to use the outdoor Way of the Cross). For those who wish to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet that would take place at 3.00pm. The bus will leave at 3.15pm.

We have about 30 names on the list for the bus so we still have a few places available. Please put your name on the list on the church noticeboard as soon as possible if you wish to make use of the bus for Carfin.

Mgr Millar and Fr Sean will be going to lead Evening Prayer at Carfin at 7.00pm. If you wish to join them please make your own way to Carfin.

**MASS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND
 Sunday 12th August at 2.00pm**

A Mass for all those in our parish who are sick or housebound will take place in our church on Sunday 12th August at 2.00pm. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during Mass. Snacks and light refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards. We are looking for help with transporting the sick and housebound who can make it to the Mass. If you can volunteer to help with transport please speak to the SVP. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can help by asking the sick and housebound whom they attend if they would like to come to this special Mass and perhaps they could liaise with either the SVP or one of the clergy.

FORTY HOURS ADORATION

Sunday 9th, Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th September

Following the Feast of the Birthday of Our Blessed Lady on Saturday 8th September, we invite our parish to celebrate the Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament through Forty Hours Adoration and Devotion on the dates given above.

WEEK 17 IN ORDINARY TIME

The church is open this week from 8.00am until 8.00pm

Sunday 29th July

9.00am Mass for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time B
11.00am Mass for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Monday 30th July

10.00am Mass for Monday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time or Optional Memorial of St Peter Chrysologus
NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
7.30pm Mass for Monday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time or Optional Memorial of St Peter Chrysologus

Tuesday 31st July

8.15am Mass for the Memorial of St Ignatius Loyola
10.00am Mass for the Memorial of St Ignatius Loyola

Wednesday 1st August

8.15am Mass for the Memorial of St Alphonsus Liguori
8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am
10.00am Mass for the Memorial of St Alphonsus Liguori

Thursday 2nd August

8.15am Mass for Thursday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time
10.00am Requiem Mass for Mark Sibbald R.I.P.

Friday 3rd August

8.15am Mass for Friday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time
8.45am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am
9.15am Confessions until 9.45am
10.00am Mass for Friday of Week 17 in Ordinary Time

Saturday 4th August

8.15am Mass for the Memorial of St John Mary Vianney
9.15am Confessions until 9.45am
9.30am Novena in Honour of the Miraculous Medal and recitation of the Rosary
10.00am Mass for the Memorial of St John Mary Vianney
5.15pm Confessions until 5.45pm
6.00pm Vigil Mass for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Sunday 5th August

9.00am Mass for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time B
11.00am Mass for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

SUNDAY READERS

Please collect your new rota when you are at Mass this weekend. Thank you.

St Ignatius Loyola - (1491-1556). From the north of Spain, founded the Society of Jesus. By the time of his death, the Society had spread widely and had one thousand members. His great theme was the service of God and God's greater glory. The experience of his conversion led to his writing the Spiritual Exercises.

St Alphonsus Liguori - Bishop and Doctor of the Church, 1696-1787, founder of the Redemptorists, taught much on moral theology and the spiritual life. He is remembered as a popular preacher and influential writer of theology.

St John Mary Vianney - Priest (1786-1859), had to contend with poverty, military service and his own intellectual shortcomings in order to become a priest. In 1817, he was sent to care for the people of Ars, a small, obscure French village. The marvellous gift of the unlearned priest for seeing into the depths of the soul brought the world to Ars. From 1830 on, the Curé averaged twelve to sixteen hours a day in the Confessional.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Monday 3rd September at 7.30pm

The parishes of Mossneuk, Our Lady of Lourdes and Westwood will be holding our annual joint service in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Monday 3rd September. The service will include Songs of Praise and a Reaffirmation of Faith and, this year, we have extended an invitation to local Catholic and Reformed Churches in East Kilbride. There will be a retiring collection for the local hospice.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Your new Duty Lists are ready for collection from the sacristy at Mass this weekend. If you usually receive them by email, please check not just your Inbox but Spam box as well just in case they have arrived at a box where they shouldn't have gone. Thanks.

DIOCESE OF MOTHERWELL ANNUAL VOCATIONS MASS

Bishop Toal invites all of us to join him in Motherwell Cathedral on Tuesday 28th August to pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate and Religious Life. Bishop Toal will preside at the Mass which begins at 7.00pm. He will be joined by priests, deacons and religious currently working in the Diocese of Motherwell.

We encourage as many as possible from our parish to participate in the Annual Vocations Mass this year.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN GROTTO

The National Pilgrimage to Carfin this year, in honour of Saint John Ogilvie, will take place on Sunday 2nd September beginning at 3.00pm. It would be great to have a good number from our parish at this important event in the life of the Church in Scotland. A list will be placed on the noticeboard of the church in August to gauge interest in running a bus from our parish to Carfin that day.

DAY BY DAY

If you are a subscriber to the daily reflections on the Scripture Readings at Mass please collect your August copy from the Stall when you are at Mass this weekend. Thank you.

PARISH FINANCE TEAM

We have scheduled a meeting for Monday 6th August at 12 noon in the Parish House. If you had a task given to you from the last meeting would you please try and give an update in time for the meeting.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES MEN'S CATHOLIC FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Men's group established in our parish will resume meeting on Thursday 23rd August. All men from our parish are invited to come along and join with other men from the parish to share their faith, deepen their understanding of the faith and share hobbies and pastimes. The group is open to all Catholic men aged 18 and over. Please consider joining the men's group which will meet monthly in the parish hall to deepen our faith, our friendship and the living out of our common baptismal calling.

POPE BENEDICT XVI CARITAS AWARDS

The Pope Benedict XVI Caritas Award encourages and promotes the ongoing faith journey of young people. It recognises that some are already active and committed within their homes, schools, parishes and dioceses and it invites others to respond to God's call of love. **Could those sixth year pupils who intend taking part in our parish next term give their details to Father Seán by 15th August?**

ON HOLIDAY FROM WORK OR SCHOOL?

It's always encouraging to see parishioners - young and old - making attendance at Mass on weekdays part of their summer holiday routine. Even if only one day a week, in addition to Sunday Mass, it speaks of our appreciation of the Mass and of its importance in our lives.

So, we offer a word of encouragement to you to join us for Mass on weekdays at 10.00am (or even at 8.15am from Tuesday to Friday) or on Monday evenings at 7.30pm.

COMINGS AND GOINGS!!

Fr Matthew leaves us on Tuesday afternoon after supplying in our parish and at Hairmyres Hospital over the last 4 weeks. We thank him for his help and good humour and his good companionship in the Parish House.

Fr Matthew will spend the next two weeks in Oxford doing some research on a book that he is hoping to complete in the very near future. After that, he has his professorship at Opole University in Silesia, Poland, to keep him busy, along with lecture trips to India and other education establishments in Europe. And we believe he'll probably fit in a visit to the likes of Nepal or Lebanon over the next year. And we suspect a visit to somewhere in Asia will be on the cards! Who says a priest's life is dull and boring!

(Well, maybe for some it's rather more confined to Lanarkshire and East Kilbride!!)

We wish Fr Matthew safe travels and every blessing in his academic work.

And, of course, Fr Sean is back from Lourdes - exhausted, as you can imagine, having spent the last 8 days taking part in Processions, Masses and hopefully on his knees praying for all of us! No doubt we'll get all the details over the next few days!

We also welcome Deacon Charles Coyle from St Columbkille's Parish in Rutherglen and a seminarian at the Pontifical Scots College, Rome, on his summer pastoral placement in Our Lady of Lourdes. Deacon Charles will be with us until 9th September. We look forward to getting to know him and working with him over the next few weeks.

We commend Deacon Charles to your prayers and all those studying for the priesthood in Rome and at Oscott College, Birmingham. We look forward to his ordination to the priesthood in the summer of 2019.

Our Lady of Lourdes has a long tradition of having seminarians in the parish on placement and all have spoken highly of our parish. We take great pride in being so closely associated with the formation of our future priests.